पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक-गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री और वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

भोपाल गैस दुर्घटना सम्बन्धी मामलों में सरकार द्वारा लगाये गये वकील

254. **श्री अटल बिहारी बाजपेयी** : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) यूनियन कार्बाइड, भोपाल के विरुद्ध भोपाल के न्यायालयों में चल रहे मामलों के संबंध में सरकार ने कितने वकीलों की सेवायें ले रखी हैं; और

(ख) अभी तक उन वकीलों को मुकदमों की फीस के रूप में कितनी धन राशि अदा की जा चुकी है तथा अभी कितनी धनराशि की अदायगी शेष है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में रसायन और पेट्रोरसायन विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० के० जयचन्द्र सिंह) : (क) और (ख) मैं० राबिन्स, जैले, लारसन एण्ड कपलान (सालिसीटरों की अमरीकी फर्म) जो पहले ही इस मामले में मुकदमें में लगी हुई है जिसमें संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका में चल रहा मुकदमा भी शामिल है, के अतिरिक्त सरकार ने अब तक महान्यावादी के नेतृत्व में 7 न्यायवादियों के एक दल की नियुक्ति की है ।

भारतीय न्यायवादियों को रिटेनर शुल्क के रूप में फरवरी 1987 के अंत तक 45,000 रु० का भुगतान किया जा चुका है और इस संबंध में लगभग 35,000 रु० के बिलों को तय करना शेष रहता है । सरकार ने अमरीकी न्यायवादियों को फीस के रूप में अब तक 1.5 मिलियन डालर का भुगतान किया है और उनसे प्राप्त लगभग 1.7 मिलियन डालर के बिल अभी तय किये जाने बाकी हैं ।

Formation of a consortium of British firms

255. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and U.K. have agreed in principle to form a consortuim of British firms led by the British Coal, a nationalised concern, to develop the Ghusick coal mine in West Bengal; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether International tenders would be issued for the turnkey project; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The implementation of Ghusick Project of Eastern Coalfields Limited, with assistance from United Kingdom, was discussed in the meeting of the Indo-U.K. Joint Steering Group on Coal held in New Delhi on 10-11 February, 1987. It was agreed that the project would be undertaken on a turnkey basis for which BMCL would form a joint company with Trafalgar House who have been nominated by the British Coal as BMCL's collaborators. BMCL would have majority of shares in this joint company. It was also agreed that the CIL and the said joint company would enter into a suitable contract to perform the job. The British side had also confirmed in the meeting that offshore costs and the consultancy services costs for the projects would be met by a grant which could be of the order of upto £53 million. Preliminary discussions between the intended contractual parties have not been finalised so far.

(b) In view of the decision taken in the meeting of the Indo-U.K. Joint Steering Group on Coal held in New Delhi on 10-11 February, 1987, issue of international tenders

for the development of the Ghusick Project on turnkey basis is not considered necessary.

Assistance to Andhra Pradesh Government

256. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1328 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th March, 1987 and state:

(a) the number of bio-gas plants in Andhra Pradesh as on 31st January, 1987 and the number of such plants which were installed during the last three years; and

(b) the number of bio-gas plants proposed to be installed during 1987 in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The cumulative total number of bio-gas plants set up in Andhra Pradesh as on 31st January, 1987 is over 55,450 plants. Out of them, about 40,000 plants were installed by the State Government during the three years 1983-84 to 1985-86. The cumulative total number of community and institutional bio-gas plants set up in the State as on 31st January, 1987 is 32 plants, out of which 28 plants were set up during the three years 1983-84 to 1985-86.

(b) A provisional target of setting up of 10,000 family type biogas plants has been earmarked for the State of Andhra Pradesh for 1987-88 under the National Project for Biogas Development. Besides, community and institutional biogas plants will also be set up depending on feasibility and availability of funds.

Rural electrification in Andhra Pradesh

257. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to sanction on priority basis the rural electrification schemes forwarded by the Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, by when these schemes will be sanctioned by the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The Rural Electrification Corporation considers sanction of rural electrification schemes submitted by State Electricity Boards subject to the techno-economic feasibiliy and availabiliy of funds. The Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board has submitted 33 rural electrification schemes as on 31-3-1987. It is not practicable to indicate the specific time-frame for the approval of the scheme.

Power tariff in the Country

258. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state the details of the power tariff per unit in different States and Union Territories as on 31st January, 1987 including the Central Government's power projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): The estimated average rates for supply of electricity to various categories of consumers in different States and Union Territories as on 31-1-1987 are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 14]. Power supplied by the Central Generating Stations is pooled by the States/Union Territories with the power generated at their own stations for the purpose of fixation of tariff.

Buildings taken on lease by IPSL

259. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the buildings taken on lease by IPCL for